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**GROTON**

*New Hampshire*

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**1919-20**



ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GROTON, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31st, 1920

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The Record Print, Plymouth

## TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator—B. S. Kinne.

Town Clerk—C. D. Jewell.

Treasurer—C. D. Jewell.

Health Officer—C. D. Jewell.

Selectmen—J. A. Rogers, F. E. Matthews, S. E. Lane.

Collector of Taxes—Percy H. Plume.

Supervisors—Fred Kidder, A. C. Estey, A. A. Remick.

Police Officer—Fred Kidder.

Librarian—Agnes A. Lane.

Auditors—Fred Kidder, M. Y. Leavitt.

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

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State of New Hampshire

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To the inhabitants of the town of Groton, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Groton, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairing of highways and bridges.

4. To determine if the town will vote to apply for State Aid for highway construction and raise such sum of money as may be required for the same.

5. To determine if the town will vote to apply for State Aid Maintenance and raise money for the same.

6. To vote upon such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

JOSEPH A. ROGERS,  
FRANK E. MATTHEWS,  
SAMUEL E. LANE,

Selectmen of Groton.

# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

## of the town of Groton, N. H., April 1st, 1919

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### Description:

Improved and unimproved lands and build- ings	\$270,400.00
Horses, 79	10,000.00
Oxen, 22	3,225.00
Cows, 117	7,330.00
Neats, 6	270.00
Sheep, 13	90.00
Hogs, 1	30.00
Fowls, 30	50.00
Vehicles, 9	2,550.00
Portable mills, 2	140.00
Acqueducts, 1	200.00
Lumber	25,840.00
Stock in trade	175.00
Money	1,000.00
	\$321,300.00

Number of polls, 60.

Rate on \$100.00, \$1.20.

Soldiers exempt, \$1,204.00.

Taxes levied, \$3,855.60 property, \$180.00 polls.

We certify that the above is a correct transcript of the footing of each column of taxable property, the amount of taxes levied and the rate of taxation in the town of Groton, in the year 1919, as made and returned to the State Tax Commission.

JOSEPH A. ROGERS,  
FRANK E. MATTHEWS,  
SAMUEL E. LANE,

Selectmen of Groton.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

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Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-  
suing Year January 31st, 1920 to January 31st, 1921

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous  
Year January 31st, 1919 to January 31st, 1920

### Sources of Revenue

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1919	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1920
FROM STATE:		
Savings bank tax	\$131.71	\$ 130.00
For highways:		
For state aid maintenance		216.25
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest received on Liberty Bonds	14.88	14.83
FROM POLL TAXES:	180.00	<u>180.00</u>
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements:		
From state:		
For state aid highway con- struction		703.05
Revenue Which Must Be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Dog licenses	43.20	43.20
Proportion school fund	33.00	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES:	<u>402.79</u>	<u>1,287.38</u>

Amount Raised by Property Taxes:	3,855.60	4,500.00
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TOTAL REVENUES:	\$4,258.39	\$5,787.38
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### Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1919	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1920
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#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town officers' salaries	\$234.65	\$300.00
Town officers' expenses	67.44	100.00
Abatements	82.80	

##### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Fire department	3.00	10.00
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##### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

State aid maintenance		
Town's contribution	27.00	160.00
Town maintenance	3,051.39	1,425.00

##### EDUCATION:

Libraries	51.69	25.00
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##### CHARITIES:

Town poor	50.65	
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#### Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

##### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Town construction, Phelps bridge	1,313.61
Road machinery and tools	95.35



State aid construction	
Town's contribution	480.00

### Indebtedness

Payments on principal of debt—long term notes	500.00
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### Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State taxes	1,166.00	950.00
County taxes	389.29	350.00
Payments to school districts	1,367.08	1,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$7,899.95</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

### Appropriations

Town charges	\$ 320.00
Highways and bridges	2,200.00
State aid maintenance	16.10
State aid construction	145.50
State tax	296.00
County tax	246.35
School fund	1,290.88
Libraries	15.00
	<u>\$4,529.83</u>

### Town of Groton Balance Sheet, January 31st, 1920

#### Assets

Cash:	..	
In hands of treasurer		\$189.31
Liberty bonds		350.00
Accounts due to the town:		
Due from state:		
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in state treasury		703.05
State aid maintenance		216.25

Other bills due town:

Part Rice estate bought by town for taxes	242.45
Mining right—Dearborn land	37.23
Taxes not collected, levy of 1919	367.76
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Total assets	\$2,106.05
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	431.70
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,537.75
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Net surplus, January 31, 1919	4,789.55
Net debt, January 31, 1920	431.70
Decrease of surplus	5,221.25

#### Liabilities

Accounts owed by the town:	
Bills outstanding	\$125.00
State and town joint highway accounts:	
Unexpended balances in state treasury	703.05
Unexpended balances in town treasury	798.35
Maintenance state treasury	216.25
Maintenance town treasury	195.10
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes:	500.00
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Total liabilities	\$2,537.75
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,537.75

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### Town of Groton Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending January 31st, 1920

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#### Receipts

Current Revenue:	
From local taxes:	
Amount committed to collector,	
1919	\$4,035.60

Less discounts and abate- ments, 1919	82.80	
Less uncollected, 1919	367.76	
Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected	\$3,585.04	
Property and poll taxes, pre- vious years, actually col- lected	179.10	
Total of above collections		\$3,764.14
From state:		
Savings bank tax	131.71	131.71
State aid for education	33.00	33.00
Bounties	5.20	5.20
From local sources except taxes:		
Dog licenses	43.20	43.20
Interest received on taxes	4.08	4.08
Interest received on Liberty Bonds	14.88	14.88
<b>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</b>		
Temporary loans in anticipa- tion of taxes during year	500.00	
Total receipts from all sources		\$4,496.21
Cash on hand at beginning of year, February 1, 1919		3,528.85
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$8,025.06</b>

### Payments

#### Current maintenance expenses:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 234.65
Town officers' expenses	67.44

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Fire department, including forest fires	3.00
Bounties	18.60

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

State aid maintenance	27.00
Town maintenance	3,051.39

LIBRARIES 51.69

## CHARITIES:

Town poor	50.65
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## Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

Highways and bridges—town construction, Phelps bridge	1,313.61
New equipment	95.35

## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to state	1,166.00
Taxes paid to county	389.29
Payments to school districts	1,367.08

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Total payments for all purposes	\$7,835.75
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Cash on hand at end of year, January 31, 1920	189.31
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GRAND TOTAL	\$8,025.06
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## Schedule of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings	\$1,000.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Libraries	500.00
Highway department equipment	330.00
Total	<hr/> \$2,030.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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For the Year Ending January 31, 1920

### Money Received

Selectmen	\$ 727.99
Collector 1918	179.10
Interest collected 1918	4.08
Collector 1919	3,667.84
In hands of treasurer Jan. 31, 1919	3,528.85
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	\$8,107.86
Orders paid 1919	7,918.55
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In hands of treasurer Jan. 31, 1920	\$189.31

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. JEWELL, Treasurer.

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

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### Districts No. 1 and 2, Lewis R. Smith, Surveyor

Lewis R. Smith and team	\$201.00
George Hikel and team	63.60
C. D. Jewell and team	33.00
H. F. Butterfield	26.85
Nelson Lewis	16.20
E. J. Wise	60.00
C. N. Merrill	3.20
C. H. Flanders	2.50
Addison & G. A. Wise	41.10
A. A. Remick and team	37.10
Frankee Butterfield	14.10
Frank Butterfield	12.00
W. G. Huber	37.90
Frank E. Gurney	6.00
Samuel E. Lane	1.50
Frank Fewell	13.50
Fred Weeks	58.17
Wesley Merry	9.00
A. C. Estey	30.00
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	\$666.82
Davis Road	
C. I. Davis	5.33

### District No. 3, C. E. Matthews, Surveyor

C. E. Matthews and team	\$81.14
Ferley D. Matthews	2.83
O. G. Matthews and team	24.50
Earnest Matthews	17.75
George Hikel, stringer	2.00
Walter Hobart	24.84
Addison Wise	17.50
W. H. Hunkins and team	15.00
Wesley Merry	10.00
George Wise	2.50
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	\$208.41

#### District No. 4, Frank Matthews, Surveyor

Frank O. Matthews and team	\$123.90
Walter Brown and team	47.75
Earnest Matthews	10.00
Wesley Merry	29.50
Walter Hobart	21.00
George Wise	18.00
O. G. Matthews	57.00
Harold Matthews	10.50
Dan H. Powesr	10.50
Dan H. Powers	6.00
C. E. Matthews and team	48.00
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	\$371.65

#### Districts No. 5 and 7, Percy H. Plume, Surveyor

P. H. Plume	83.00
Joe Chivell	30.00
H. W. Gilman	6.00
Lee P. Taylor	60.00
H. W. Futterer	33.00
Clarence Parris	75.00
Fletcher Parris	75.00
Chesley Parris	42.00
Al T. Ray	12.00
Jesse Johnson and team	18.00
Will Ray	12.00
Burr Monroe	27.00
George Davis	19.50
Fred Kidder and team	6.00
L. Hoag	37.50
R. Hoffer	4.50
J. A. Rogers, teams	111.00
J. A. Rogers, bridge plank	4.00
P. H. Plume and team	40.50
C. I. Davis and team	33.00
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	729.00

**District No. 2, A. A. Remick, Surveyor**

A. A. Remick	\$2.50
H. B. Ferrin	3.00
W. S. H. Remick, bridge plank	7.80
L. C. Dane	1.52
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	14.82
A. A. Remick, housing pile driver	\$1.00

**District No. 6, Fred Kidder, Surveyor**

Fred Kidder and team	\$168.00
Loveland, 350 ft. bridge plank	10.50
S. N. Kinne	27.00
Jesse Johnson	30.00
Percy Plume	27.00
Clarence Parris	1.50
George Davis	3.00
C. I. Davis	18.00
Burr Monroe	10.50
Lee Taylor	6.00
Louis Hoag	6.00
Chesley Parris	6.00
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	\$313.50

**Maintenance State Highway**

Fred Kidder and team	\$10.50
Suell Kinne	7.50
Jesse Johnson	3.00
Orville G. Matthews and team	6.00
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	\$27.00

**Town Construction of Phelps Bridge**

**C. D. Jewell, Supervisor**

12,102 lumber	431.00
Nails	1.90
Cement	126.11
Carting cement	30.43



**Districts Nos. 8 and 10. Harvey A. Wheat, Surveyor.**

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Harvey Wheat	\$123.80
Henry Wilkins	45.93
Rexford Wheat	12.76
George Swett	39.50
Howard Hall	3.00
J. A. Rogers, Teams	15.00
Wilbur Hall	3.00
Alden Burt	9.81
Fred Kidder and Team	6.00
Percy Plume	6.00
Lee P. Taylor	9.00
Albert Wilcome	18.00
William Syjatz	27.00
Mrs. O. J. Braley, Trouble	1.50
J. E. Mackey	16.50
Burr Monroe	6.00
Clarence Parris	3.00
George Davis	3.00
H. J. Thompson	1.25
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	\$350.05

**District No. 11. W. A. Colburn, Surveyor.**

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W. A. Colburn and Team	\$64.90
E. A. Eastman	10.50
William Syjatz	5.33
Osborne & Co., Dynamite and Fuse	1.74
H. Willoughby	16.50
George Davis	3.00
Percy Plume	1.50
C. L. Dodge	13.50
B. S. Kinne	12.83
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	\$129.80

**District No. 12.      E. A. Eastman, Surveyor.**

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E. A. Eastman and Team	\$66.93
Pearl Cummings	3.00
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	\$69.93

**District No. 9.      H. R. Hall, Surveyor.**

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H. W. Hall	\$7.49
H. R. Hall	23.21
Albert Wilcome	9.61
J. Syjatz	7.33
Will Syjatz	3.84
Harvey Wheet	12.00
E. M. Stevens and Team	2.22
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	\$65.70

Labor and teams	723.91
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	\$1,313.61
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### Town Maintenance Bills

Smith Shook & Lumber Co., bridge plank	\$20.10
L. H. Loveland Co., bridge plank	15.63
J. A. Rogers, bridge plank	10.74
W. S. H. Remick, bridge plank	10.08
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	60.65

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	\$131.85
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### Miscellaneous Bills

W. J. Randolph, property transfers	\$ 2.68
A. A. Remick, work Watts' fire	3.00
A. A. Lane, painting library	3.00
Edson C. Eastman, office supplies	3.39
C. O. Barney & Son, printing town report	31.95
B. & M. R. R., freight on culverts and road scraper	8.26
Leon Collins, conveying C. H. Watts to hospital at Laconia and asylum at Concord	29.75
F. W. Brown, insurance on library	10.55
Louis Hoag, caring for and escorting C. H. Watts to Concord	4.90
S. E. Lane, paint for library bookcases	2.05
J. A. Rogers, expenses to Concord	5.64
S. E. Lane, paint for library	3.55
Agnes A. Lane, painting library	4.64
Agnes A. Lane, library fund	15.00
A. H. Harriman, medical attention to C. H. Watts	10.00
R. E. Lane, dog license blanks	.52
Dr. A. S. Russell, medical attention to C. H. Watts	6.00
Orville G. Matthews, moving library	3.00
Lizzie Kinne, painting bookcases	3.00

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	\$136.13
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### Abatements

Hubert Butterfield, personal property taxed in Bristol	\$4.20
Edward Butterfield, poll tax paid in Hebron	3.00
Charles Decato, personal and poll tax paid in Dorchester	6.00
Flavilla Birkbeck, duplicate assessment	12.00
L. E. Estey, over appraisal	4.20
Rose Holden, over appraisal	27.60
A. E. Murphey, over appraisal	19.20
Z. F. Blasters, over appraisal	1.20
L. A. Chayre, left estate	5.40
	<hr/> 82.80

### Town Officers' Salaries

S. E. Lane	\$69.35
F. E. Matthews	36.00
B. S. Kinne, salary as moderator	3.00
J. A. Rogers	48.00
A. A. Remick, salary as supervisor	5.25
Charlie Jewell	
Salary as town clerk	25.00
Salary as treasurer	40.00
Salary as fire warden	3.00
Salary as health officer	2.00
Salary as land agent	2.00
Salary as recorder of vital statistics	1.05
	<hr/> \$234.65

## LIBRARIAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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### Financial Statement

Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2.06
Town appropriations	15.00
Membership fees	.46
Gifts	11.00
Fines	2.11
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Total receipts	\$30.63

### Expenditures

Books	\$22.64
Supplies	1.01
Permanent improvement (card catalog)	6.38
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Total expenditures	\$30.03
Balance on hand	.60
	\$30.63

### Resources

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Number bound volumes at beginning of year	1,267
Number bound volumes added by purchase	16
Number bound volumes added by gifts	8
Public documents added	20
Public documents added up to 1919	13
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Total number volumes owned at end of year	1,324
Magazines currently received	2

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES A. LANE, Librarian

# Births Registered in the Town of Groton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date of Birth 1919	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Condition			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Father's Age	Mother's Age
		Male, Female	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child									
Jan. 23 <sup>9</sup>	Myrtle Alzina	F	L	5	Walter S. Brown	Katie E. Lary	Groton	Groton	Farmer	Groton	Canaan		
Jan. 27	Catherine Alice	F	L	4	Frank W. Hobart	Edna M. Rogers	Groton	Groton	Butcher	Hebron	Kingston		
May. 3	Addie Laura	F	L	6	Percy H. Plume	Grace M. Cross	Groton	Groton	Teamster	Fort Kent	Laconia		
Sept. 13	Donald Herbert	M	L	3	Lewis R. Smith	Burnice N. Hill	Groton	Groton	Farmer	Orange	Grafton		
Oct. 13		M	L	3	Edward H. Smith	Ida Caldon	Groton	Groton	Farmer	Orange	Meredith		

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Groton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date—1919	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each		Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Oct 8	Groton	Fred H. Muzzey	Everett Wash	30	W	Loco fireman	Groton		Edwin A. Muzzey	Plymouth		Rev. B.F. Andrew
		Maude E. Cooledge	Groton	23	W	Gov clerk	Revere Mass		Ida A. Hadley Walter F. Cooledge Carrie A. Annis	Hebron Groton		

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Groton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date—1919	Place of Death	Name and Surname of deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Conditions			Occupation	Places of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Male or Female	Color	Single, married or widowed		Father	Mother		
June 15	Groton	Herbert E. Davis	53	7	14	Canaan	M	W	M	Farmer	Canaan	Orange Mass	Herbert Davis	Jeanette Merrion

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, Town Clerk



## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

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For the Year Ending Sept. 1, 1919

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### Money Paid Out from Sept. 1, 1918 to Sept. 1919 for School

Roy Muzzey, teaching	\$195.00
Lillian Leavitt, teaching	110.00
Francis Hoag, teaching	60.00
B. F. Andrew, teaching	60.00
Maggie Matthews, carrying scholars	118.00
H. E. Davis, wood	10.00
Addison Wise, wood	9.00
Bertha Remick, janitor	25.00
C. E. Matthews, cleaning schoolhouse	4.00
Dorchester school district, tuition	102.75
Total	<hr/> \$693.75

In hands of treasurer Sept. 1, 1919	\$529.15
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### School Officers Paid from Sept. 1, 1918 to Sept. 1, 1919

H. E. Davis, school board	\$15.00
J. A. Rogers, school board	15.00
Fred Kidder, school board	7.50
S. E. Lane, school board	9.00
B. S. Kinne, school board	13.82
B. S. Kinne, moderator	3.00
C. I. Davis, truant officer	12.00
C. D. Jewell, clerk and treasurer	10.00
Total	<hr/> \$85.32

Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1919	\$17.51
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**School Supplies Paid for from Sept. 1, 1918 to Sept. 1,  
1919**

H. E. Davis, postage and express	\$1.72
F. W. Brown, supplies	2.32
Roy Muzzey, supplies	1.29
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	.83
E. E. Babb	3.37
C. E. Matthews, flag	3.28
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Total	\$12.81
Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1919	\$1.19

**High School Tuition Paid**

Plymouth high school	\$27.50
Colby Academy	55.00
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Total	\$82.50
In hands of treasurer Sept. 1, 1919	\$55.83

**Repair Money Paid Out**

S. E. Lane	\$3.00
In hands treasurer Sept. 1, 1919	\$14.06

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, School Treasurer

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED KIDDER,  
LENA G. MASHALL,  
Auditors.

## BUDGET FOR ENSUING YEAR

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(A)	For support of schools	\$1,468.00
(B)	For purchase of textbooks and school supplies	75.00
(C)	For the payment of tuitions at high schools and academies	200.00
(D)	Total amount required for above items	\$1,743.00
(E)	Estimate of amount of a \$5.00 tax on the 1920 inventory	\$1,608.00

### Assessment Required

(1)	For the payment of the per capita tax	\$ 75.00
(2)	Officers' salaries and expenses	\$165.00
		\$18.50

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

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The school board submit their report with a feeling that they have done the best they could under the conditions. The new school law took effect Sept. 1, 1919, under the supervision of a superintendent over this and four other towns. We recommend the district raise the several amounts as printed in the budget.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,  
SAMUEL E. LANE,

School Board.





